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RAJYA SABHA

Departments. Such Reviews of DRDO have recently been conducted and recommendations are under implementation.

**Fund allocation for Sanskriti School**

3671. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1107 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th August, 2000 and state:

(a) the availability of funds with the CSD when Rs. 5 crores were allocated for the Sanskriti School;

(b) the Chairman of the CSD Board of Control of canteen services who approved this allocation in March, 1996;

(c) the persons on the governing body of the school;

(d) whether auditors have approved this expenditure; and

(e) the other cases where funds of CSD have been allocated to the extent of Rs. 1 crore and above?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) An amount of Rs. 5 crores was allocated to a registered society i.e. the Civil Service Society as Grants-in-Aid which is running the Sanskriti School against the profit of Rs. 60.476 crores from CSD trade surplus for the year 1994-95.

(b) The Grants-in-Aid was approved by the then Raksha Rajya Mantri who chaired the meeting of Board of Control Canteen Services in March, 1996.

(c) There is no Governing Body of the School. The present structure of the Executive Committee who also act as the Governing Body of the Society is given in the Statement (see below).

(d) A part of CSD trade surplus is distributed to various beneficiaries as Grants-in-Aid only after finalisation and audit of Annual Accounts of CSD.

(e) The other cases where funds of CSD have been allocated to the extent of Rs. 1 crore and above pertain to Army, Navy and Air Force.

**Statement**

*Name of the persons on the Governing Body*

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| 1. Mrs. Vijaya Prasad         | Chairman        |
| 2. Mrs. Vijaya Anand          | Secretary       |
| 3. Mrs. Shailaja Jayakrishnan | Treasurer       |
| 4. Mrs. Ammu Paul             | Joint Secretary |

**Members**

5. Mrs. Usha Srinivasan
6. Mrs. Gauri Tripathi
7. Mrs. Vijay Zutshi
8. Mrs. Anjula Tandon
9. Mrs. Neerja Sharma
10. Mrs. Omee Srivastava
11. Mr. G.C. Iyer
12. Mrs. Vijay Agnihotri
13. Mrs. Pratima Verma

**Tri-Service Far Eastern Command at Port Blair**

3672. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission for a tri-service Far Eastern Command (FEC) at Port Blair;

(b) if so, whether this would strengthen Indian forces' maritime surveillance capabilities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) At present, the Fortress Commander Andaman and Nicobar (FORTAN), established in 1977, coordinates the operation of the Defence Forces and the Coast Guards in the islands. A proposal to upgrade this to a Far Eastern Naval Command is under active consideration of the Government.